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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Pavcnik et al.)	
)	Examiner: Christopher D. Prone
Serial No. 10/719,415)	
)	Group Art Unit No. 3738
Filing Date: November 21, 2003)	
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Dear Sir:

Applicants thank Examiner Prone for the courteous and helpful discussion of the above-identified application with Applicants' representatives on September 10, 2008.

Before examination on the merits of the present case, please enter the following amendments. Submitted herewith is a Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.114.

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